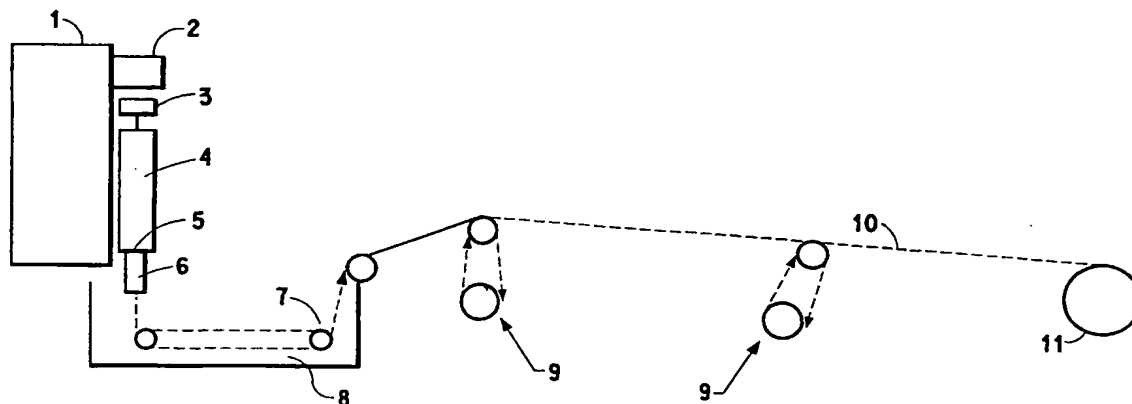


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This invention pertains to novel fibers made of $\alpha(1\rightarrow3)$ polysaccharides, and a process for their production. The fibers of the invention have "cotton-like" properties but can be produced as continuous filaments on a year-round basis. The fibers are useful in textile applications.